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Study of pesticide enzymes may lead to chemical weapon cure

By Sarah Lake
Staff Writer

What started as a simple research project amongst a chemistry professor and a group of student chemists may evolve into a catalyst that will aid the U.S. government in breaking down chemical weapon stock piles and treating those who are exposed to chemical weapons due to terrorist attacks.

For the past three years, Dr. Elizabeth Papish has been working with pesticide compounds to develop a catalyst that will turn these pesticides into non-toxic products. "The basic goal is to look at an enzyme that breaks down pesticides," Papish said. "We're taking a look at that structure and we're trying to make something that's a lot smaller and easier to study. An enzyme will have twenty to thirty thousand atoms in it, so it's quite big and hard to study. If we make something much smaller that maybe has only 30 or 40 atoms in it but still looks and works like an enzyme, it will be much easier to study and much easier to figure out how it works. A lot of what we do is just the pure science of figuring out how things work."

A catalyst, according to Papish, is something that speeds up a reaction. Papish's goal is to make something that will be a catalyst and that will look and function like an enzyme.

According to Papish, there are two reasons for this project. The short term goal, and the one that Papish claims to be more interested in, is to understand how enzymes work. "It's mainly about understanding nature – how enzymes speed up reactions. Since I'm a scientist, and my students are scientists, this is the one that we are more interested in because it's really interesting to figure out how things work," she said.

The long term goal is to pass this research along to government scientists to aid them in finding a way to break down chemical weapons. Pesticides are similar in structure at the molecular level to some chemical weapons, such as nerve gas and nerve agents. According to Papish, it's possible that something that breaks down pesticides could take a chemical weapon and make it non-toxic. "One of the reasons that we went

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Dr. Elizabeth Papish
Assistant Professor of Chemistry

into the war in Iraq is because our government thought that Saddam Hussein had chemical weapons," she said.

This research could also treat pesticide poisoning for agricultural workers who are continually exposed and it could decontaminate pesticide-treated areas.

As aforementioned, these breakthroughs are a long-term goal (5-10 years down the line) and would not be carried out by Papish and her team. "My students and I can't work with chemical weapons. What I'm hoping is that we can develop this catalyst and send it to U.S. Army labs or some other labs and they can work on this problem. This is a real goal. I think a lot of people in the U.S. Army labs would be interested in these compounds if we proved that it did this reaction."

Junior Kirsten Wells began working on the project at the beginning of this semester. "This project will help me because you can only learn so much in a classroom. When you do this, you get to apply what you've learned in the classroom," she said. "It's difficult at first because you really have to be open-minded and try a lot of different things, but that's what research is all about, I guess."

Commenting on her team of student chemists, Papish said, "Student-wise, it's just really valuable for the students. They're going to apply to graduate school and medical school and they're going to have some real experience under their belts. They get really excited about what they're doing and they get a lot out of it."

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O'Malley addresses tuition costs



Kevin Sterling/The Flyer

Democratic candidate for Governor of Maryland Martin O'Malley spoke to students in the Gulls Nest last Thursday about tuition costs.

By Justin Ritter
Editorials Editor

The Gull's Nest had the honor of hosting Democratic candidate for the governorship of Maryland, Martin O'Malley, last Thursday. Accompanying O'Malley was his potential Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown. The guests had an open discussion with Salisbury University and University of Maryland Eastern Shore students. The subject of the open discussion was the controversial topic of tuition costs.

O'Malley was critical of Gov. Bob Ehrlich's policies towards education. He assured the listening audience, "There is no issue that

divides us [from the Ehrlich administration] more than tuition." He continued, "The current governor has allowed through his funding cuts to higher education a 40% increase in tuition costs since his inauguration. Philosophically, [the Ehrlich administration] believes our colleges are now toll universities."

"Anthony and I believe that we should make college education available to more people. We also believe in making colleges affordable again." O'Malley used an example of how Maryland's school systems were graded as an A before Ehrlich's incumbency and most recently the schools throughout

Maryland have been rated as an F. Brown commented, "We want Maryland to rank an A again." Brown was especially critical of the common consequence that most students face after attending college. "We want to make sure you won't have to live in debt the first 10 years of your life after college."

For this to happen, O'Malley and Brown promised to put price caps on college loan interest rates.

"We are the third wealthiest state in the nation; we can do better," said O'Malley as the open discussion came to an end. O'Malley's final remarks were chosen to thank the P.A.C.E. program for sponsoring the event. After the discussion,

O'Malley talked with the students and various community members one last time before he went to the kitchen of the Gull's Nest and proceeded to flip and chop some steak strips.

On Tuesday the decision for the Governorship of Maryland will be made by the registered voters of Maryland. Local areas where students can cast their vote include the Ward Museum Lobby, Wicomico High School Cafeteria, Parkside High School Cafeteria, North Salisbury Elementary School, and Fruitland Primary School. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

RSO's compete for Gullgating title

By Corey Meissner
Staff Writer

Salisbury University's football team will play Frostburg State University, competing for the Regents Cup on Saturday, Nov. 11.

The two teams have fought each other on the field every year since 1973. SU football's first real season. Last year, SU took the lead for the series, making the record 17-16.

For the past six years, the game has been played at a neutral site. This year's game will be held

at Towson University's Units Stadium and will begin at 2 p.m.

The football team will not be the only SU students competing at Towson. For hundreds of Salisbury students, the Gullgating before the game is just as big of an event as the game. "We take Gullgating seriously around here," says Jess Mullins, coordinator of Gullgating 2006.

For those who don't know, Gullgating is a tailgating contest where RSO's compete to see who has the most school spirit. The Fishing Club has won the past four

years in a row, but with the new judging guidelines this year, there is a good chance that the trophy could change hands.

This year, the RSO's will be judged based on seven categories. The judges will be looking for banners, vehicle decorations, school spirit (cheers/screams), food quality and display, use of SU colors, use of an SU vs. Frostburg theme, and overall display.

There will be prizes for the winners of each category. Trophies or "Regents Gullgating Champion Cups" will be awarded to the top three RSO's. The first

place team will be added to the plaque of champions hanging in the Office of Student Activities.

Gullgating will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in parking lots 13 and 14 at the Units Stadium. Judging will be from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. There is to be no Gullgating after the game.

Interested groups should pick up a Gullgating packet from the Office of Student Activities in the Guerrieri Center or contact Jessica Mullins via Groupwise for more information.

Racism at Johns Hopkins may result in fraternity suspension

By Victoria Jordan
Staff Writer

Fraternity members of Sigma Chi at Johns Hopkins University were suspended for hosting an allegedly racist Halloween party this past Saturday.

The party invitation, originally published on the network Facebook, described Baltimore as "the HIV pit" and called the party "Halloween in the Hood." A party decoration included a skeleton dressed in pirate clothing, hanging from a noose.

Demands soon followed, and an investigation into the matter is currently in progress. All activities

of the Sigma Chi fraternity are suspended. The national headquarters of the group has responded with a 45 day suspension of the chapter.

On the night of the party, two students entered and took pictures, and then immediately reported the activities of the party to campus security. The party was shut down by 1:45 a.m. Sunday. The member responsible for posting the invitation has been expelled.

The campus chapter stated, "We regret that we misplaced our faith in this individual and the fraternity would like to express our disgust and disaste for his insensitivity."

For some Johns Hopkins students,

this action isn't enough; they are calling for the chapter to be shut down completely. Protestors waved signs following the incident stated, "Lynching is not a joke" and "Ban Sigma Chi." Pictures of historical lynchings were posted next to images of the Sigma Chi skeleton. The invitation to the party also encouraged attendees to dress up wearing "regional clothing from the locale" and "bling bling."

"I honestly believe that the vast majority of our brothers are apologetic," stated one member, who attended the party without reading the invitation. When the invitation first appeared, it featured a picture of

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and mentioned O.J. Simpson. The school's Sigma Chi website posts the following statement, "Sigma Chi seeks men of good character, students of fair ability, with ambitious purposes, a congenial disposition, possessed of good morals, having a high sense of honor and a deep sense of personal responsibility."

Salisbury freshman Lindsay Momberger said, "Any racism portrayed at the party is obviously uncalled for and offensive, but I don't think it's necessary to suspend an entire fraternity over the matter."

Orlett Haskett, a sophomore at

Salisbury said, "Honestly I don't think that would happen here. I hear verbal things, but I don't think anyone would actually go into the act, like hanging things on the walls, but you do hear a lot of racial slurs. It's a big thing with diversity here, compared to Johns Hopkins, I think we have a higher level of minorities here, and it's definitely been increasing since I've been on campus."

Many students are offended by the actions taken by Sigma Chi, but some believe that the situation is blown out of proportion. Salisbury junior Zack Vilcek said, "It could be misinterpreted in different ways, but there shouldn't be any exclusive parties that a certain race can't be at.

I would have to know more about the circumstances; if it was against black people than it would be offensive."

Although there is no evidence suggesting that the party was exclusive, many members of the NAACP spoke out on the matter. Marvin Cheatham, President of the Baltimore Chapter, attended a meeting with the University and said, "We've got to address the problem of racism on this campus. If the school is not willing to clear up this problem, then we will." Cheatham plans to look into legal actions against the fraternity and the University.

Story Brief

Punkin Chunkin 2006 spotlight

Punkin Chunkin was held in Millsboro, Del. this past weekend and has been an annual event for the past 20 years. Punkin Chunkin is an event that attracts people of all age groups. Many SU students can be found there every year. It might be the only time most of them get up before 9 a.m. on a Saturday. The students prepare for and anticipate this day the entire semester and it is one of the few events that involves a majority of the student body. Whether you belong to a fraternity, sorority, a club or just go with friends, one thing rings true for all: you are guaranteed to have a good time.



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News briefs

CHANGE IN IT PRINT QUOTAS
Salisbury University's IT computer labs have changed the paper cap from 30 pages per day to 300 pages per week. This new system is made to allow more flexibility for students printing larger papers without making them stretch it over a few days. The week lasts from Sunday through Saturday and the print amount resets at 12 a.m. on Sunday morning.

INTEREST MEETING FOR SUMMER SESSION IN THE YUKON

On Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 3:30 p.m. in Fulton 134 there will be an interest meeting for anyone interested in studying in the Yukon for a summer semester. The session will be based at Yukon College, located in Whitehorse, the capital of the Yukon Territories. The trip will be 30 days in all, consisting of several class days and 12 days of field trips. The trip's cost will be from \$4000 to \$4400 with some scholarships available. For more information, go to: <http://facultyfp.salisbury.edu/wchorne/SummerSession11.htm> or e-mail wchorne@salisbury.edu

TIBETAN MONKS COME TO SALISBURY

Eleven monks from the famed Drepung Monastery will be visiting Salisbury on Wednesday, Nov. 8. Through their five days at Salisbury they will be lecturing and making demonstrations along with creating an elaborate sand mandala which is thought to bring healing and purification. The "Sacred Music and Sacred Dance for World Healing" performance is Sunday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. in Holloway Hall Auditorium.

3 v 3 INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

This year the Intramural department will be working with the Toys for Tots program and collecting unwrapped toys for the less fortunate children on the Eastern Shore. The toys will be collected as the entry fee for this year's intramural 3v3 basketball tournament. The collection date will be Monday, Nov. 20, at the captain's meeting for the tournament. The meeting will be held at 4 p.m. in Maggs lobby. Remember, the toy donation is required if you want to participate. For more information contact Wayne Gorow at the Intramurals office in Maggs.

SU research team fights to develop cure for tuberculosis

By Sarah Lake
Staff Writer

it to go away."

Over the past year, Dr. Mitchell and his students have created a total of thirty compounds that inhibit the growth of TB. They do this in a unique way, keeping TB from being able to use oxygen. These compounds do not affect normal human cells, meaning that they are non-toxic.

Additionally, these compounds are easy to make and can be made in large quantities in only one day. Dr. Mitchell said, "That's pretty impressive. It keeps the prices low. The starting materials are cheap and they're commercially available. When you're thinking about trying to create a drug that needs to be used for billions of people, you need to keep the price low and you need to make sure that the drug is effective, meaning that you want to make sure that the drug is killing the TB before the TB can get around it."

TB has a long history of using mutation to avoid medication. According to Dr. Mitchell, when a person has active TB, there is always a percentage of the disease that is dormant. The current medication used for TB is unable to attack and kill these dormant cells and must linger in the body for about six months, waiting for the cells to "wake up." During this six month period, most people's bodies become drug resistant, meaning that their body has developed an immunity towards the medication. This makes the medication ineffective and, after six months of taking the medication, leaves the TB in the body.

Mitchell, whose grandfather survived TB, said, "I am sick and tired of TB having this aristocracy among infectious diseases. You have to take the drug for six months and you may still not get cured. My grandfather had TB. It was so scary for him, and he couldn't interact with us for months. The disease has a huge impact on the families of those who are infected. It's time. Our project is not an academic exercise; it is a war. I want TB to lose."

The team is hoping to release a publication within the next couple of months.

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The death sentences automatically go to a nine-judge appeals panel which has unlimited time to review the case. If the verdicts and sentences are upheld, the executions must be carried out within 30 days. This appeals process will take about three to four weeks, but, according to chief prosecutor Jaafar al-Mousawi, the sentences will be upheld and Saddam will be hanged, despite his demand that he be shot by a firing squad.

Crime beat

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Slander:

But in the XY universe, the guy who brags about being with the most women the previous weekend becomes an idol in the locker room. Males look up to him and ask him for pointers, and girls find him attractive. But the girl who sleeps around is talked about behind backs and in hushed whispers. This doesn't make sense either, but it still seems to happen.

The society we live in is quite paradoxical in that in many ways we enjoy more equality and open mindedness than ever before, and then in other ways we contradict ourselves. We should just think before we speak, rather than following the dialect of modern society like good little lemmings. Let's coin some new phrases that make more sense. Perhaps instead of saying that Jim throws like a girl, we could say Jim throws like Kyle Boller.

I can't believe it's not conservatism

By Jeff Dawson
Staff Writer

One aspect of journalism that the liberal media establishment has become particularly good at in recent years is the stereotyping of conservatives. Writers for national news outlets such as The New York Times, The Daily Show, Newsweek, and the AP, have been using the word "conservative" in a negative context and connotation with truly admirable persistence.

The image of a conservative that these news agencies have been subtly pushing for years is one that looks awful similar to George W. Bush. In the land of the news junkie, the word "conservative" brings to mind either: A) a corporate puppet, set loose among Washington to garner as much favorable legislation as possible. B) a born-again Christian, who hates homosexuals and wants abortionists jailed, or C) a heartless old white man who wants to keep the poor poor.

The fact that our -I'll say "less than capable"- president fits into the good of boy country club category is a major factor, if not the entire cause, of the media's behavior.

A country club conservative is one who pretty much encompasses all the obviously (in my opinion) negative aspects of conservatism: corporate welfare, non-separation of church and state, and upper class tax cuts. Basically, they suck. In many people's opinion, including my own, Bush's country club tendencies are largely responsible for the mess our country is in right now.

A philosophical, or true, conservative, however, is an almost completely different creature altogether. A true conservative believes in free markets and a smaller, limited federal government.

Finally, a true conservative believes in an evolutionary government, not a revolutionary government. A government that changes to meet the demands of those it's elected to represent, not one that tries to run a perfect society with unproven ideas and rhetoric.

So the next time you read an AP article or a Times editorial, pay attention to their use of the word conservative. Once you start paying attention, it's easy to see. It is not the case 100 percent of the time, because this would be too obvious, and too many people would realize it for it to remain an effective method to smear conservatives, but you'll notice. One last little tidbit that might surprise the typical liberal news outlet reader: philosophical conservatives overwhelmingly dislike George W. Bush.

M.B.A.-Morality's Biggest Adversary?
We'd better hope not.

By Kevin Sterling
Flyer Advisor

A recent study released by the Academy of Management Learning and Education found that out of its 5,300 US and Canadian student group surveyed that 56% of M.B.A. students admitted to cheating in academic affairs within the current one year period. Several major newsgroups covered the statistic; I read about it in the Wall Street Journal. Business being the focus of the journal, their article leaned more towards investigating the business school reaction to this. More alarming in the result however was that "54% of graduate engineering students, 50% of students in the physical sciences, 49% of medical and other health care students, 45% of law students, 43% of graduate students in the social sciences and humanities" were all willing to admit that they had cheated during the same one year time period.

These students, I was more concerned with why these students are cheating in the first place.

Throughout my entire academic career I have known cheaters, but I suppose in my view I saw them to be the desperate, weaseling minority of the student body—but 39% being the lowest percentage of cheaters, doesn't that mean that out of every three graduate students, one of them is a cheater?

Perhaps we are living in a world of cowards, where the ill-prepared are indulged and enticed into cheating for fear that their inadequacies may be exposed. I've never claimed to be a brave man, but I've always been a believer in the old saying "you lay in the grave you dig." Many a time did I walk into a test without an ounce of studying and fail it with pride.

Other possibilities may be that younger generations of our society are placing an unhealthy emphasis on ambition and they have accepted a "win at all cost" mentality. Given the increasing trend of eliminating right and wrong from our

society and dismissing any ideas of ultimate judgment, it could be quite easy to say that by following this method one really doesn't have anything to lose by cheating anyway.

How likely would cheaters be to cheat in class if their fellow honest classmates held them accountable to their actions?

Many of the M.B.A. schools reacting to the statistic have begun to encourage "whistle-blowing" in the same fashion that it exists in the corporate world.

For students who witness cheating and may be debating what to do to find justice, I would advise that doing the "right thing" is exactly that. People often talk about the "inaction of the good" in regards to civil justice and human rights, but I think it should ideally apply to all things, including academic integrity.

In most profound display of bravery and honor, I once watched a coworker of mine turn his best friend and other staff members for dismissible conduct. My coworker literally wept at what he had to do, but being that we worked at a Boy Scout camp there was little choice because in its isolated existence that place holds a very strict system of honor.

To his surprise, he was never called a "narc" or a "whistle-blower," never by those whom he had turned in.

At the moment that he made his decision, a boy who had always been a clown and an immature joker, earned an immense amount of reverence respect by staff members not only his age but much older.

Though disheartened by the survey, I

have by no means lost hope for academia at large. For many, I should unfortunately hope that this letter is a smack in the face, but not at all to those who are striving for integrity. Your reputations are unjustly at risk. Careful association in this case works two ways: be careful with whom you associate, and be careful whom you let associate with you.

I learned that students are very

astute about their surroundings.

Many reflect the climate of their

classroom environment. If there is

an atmosphere of positive learning,

that energy is manifested in the way

students respond during class sessions. I also learned that students are usually open to challenges as long as I provide a set of expectations and ways to fulfill them.

What is the best thing about being a professor?

I have experienced a medium

sized campus, University of Hawaii,

and a very large campus, Penn State

University. The larger the university,

the more one needs to be comfor-

ttable with independence and

autonomy in such things as taking

courses and having a more active

role in finding information. There

are more organizational levels at

larger institutions. I remember

many classes at Penn State being

taught by graduate students. Here at

SU, most of the courses are taught

by faculty members who have

attained the highest degree in their

academic fields.

What is your current position?

I am an assistant professor of com-

munication and theater arts.

As students, we sit in a classroom

day after day and learn what our

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What is the thing you enjoy the

least about teaching?

I do not like to grade papers, but

I assign them because it is important

for students to express themselves in

writing. I do enjoy reading well

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Mr. Advice

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Do you think it's important for your partner to have the same religion as yourself? I've considered dating this one girl but our religions contract and I know some friends of mine have had problems in the past with stuff like that but I'm not sure how to or if I should go through with this... a small bit of help?

That's always a tough subject to cover because most of the time it really depends on the person's faith and your own. Sometimes, people let their beliefs get in the way of hearing each other out. They argue their point why this, that, or the other is true and things get heated quickly. Also another tough subject is the religion of the kids: what will they have? If you are planning on dating someone with a different religion you are going to have to be open from the beginning and be able to talk about things without getting heated all the time. That also goes for your partner as well because the relationship is a two way street, you both have to work with each other to make it work. You don't want to insinuate in any way that your religion is better than theirs. Whether you think it is or not, you have to respect them and their religion because you don't want to be called out either. So respect each other and talk things out!

I am big on politics and I hate the fact that my group of friends is so lazy! I mean it's not like they don't want to register, they are just too dang lazy... and wait... what's coming up? ELECTION! So let's see what they say when something changes for the worse from the new guy in office (just an example that is). If they get pissed, I'm going to tell them "I told you to vote, so you can't say anything." What do you think it would take to get these lazy bums to vote??

Well sometimes people just need that extra nudge, some need it more than others. If they are willing to vote but just haven't done so, round them up on a day that they're free and take them to get the necessary forms and get them registered. When they have it within their small reach, I'm sure they'll do what they need to. Please just remember that your only job is to show them to the door, they have to be the ones to walk through it. In other words, if they still don't register then it is no longer in your hands because you've done your part as a friend.

Advice of the week:

Would it be wrong to go back to a past lover?

That depends on how the relationship was, whether or not the family accepted them and how you two ended. The relationship is the core and if it went bad, how are you to know it won't happen again? Of course you'll remember the good times, but that's only part of life. There are the tough and bad times too and if they were everlasting and uncontrollable, who is to say it won't happen again? Review how the relationship was. Another important thing is whether or not the family accepted them as your significant other. This can always be ruled out by ignoring the family, but it's family. It ends up putting just that much more stress on your relationship if you know there will be tension if you want to visit during the holidays. It may be possible to make amends and win hearts over but there may be lots of work ahead of that task. Finally, and a very important topic, is how you two ended your relationship. If it was something along the lines of you both understanding that you two are at different stages of life, sure why not—try again. If it was more like ended by screaming, yelling, and throwing things...you might want to reconsider because things shouldn't have to get that level of anger to break up. Would it be wrong to go back to a past lover? I don't think so, but there bold things to consider and that could change everything.

Hope in Shoebox: Lambda Pi Eta takes on Operation Christmas Child

By Erica Tindale
Staff Writer

The next time you buy a new pair of shoes, just take a second to look at the box they were in. That very box could make all the difference in the world to one child at Christmas time.

This year, members of Lambda Pi Eta will be stuffing their shoeboxes, and many more, with toys, toothbrushes, pencils, crayons and a variety of other little items that will bring joy to a child who would have otherwise went without.

This shoebox revolution is all a part of Operation Christmas Child, an outreach program run by the non-denominational Christian organization, Samaritan's Purse.

"Take an ordinary shoebox, fill it with toys and other presents and you have an extraordinary gift for a

child in need of joy and hope," Samaritan's Purse president Franklin Graham professes on the project website.

Last year the organization collected over 7.6 million shoeboxes worldwide and distributed them to needy children in 95 different countries.

This year, members of Lambda Pi Eta are working to drive that number even higher. Throughout the semester, members are given the choice of participating in various service projects. Operation Christmas Child is just one of several options.

"They like to give back to the world somehow and this is a way to decide whom the gift is going to be for. The boxes are labeled either for a boy or girl and for age 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14."

Volunteers are encouraged to fill the box with toys, hygiene items,

school supplies, hard candy, small clothing items and anything else they think would bring joy to a child at home.

The only things that are forbidden are war-related items, food, liquids, medications, breakable items and aerosol cans.

"I'm pretty excited about my box," Eagan says. "I'm bringing back some of the old school ninja turtle action figures."

There is also the option of enclosing a personal note to the child and a photo of yourself. Those who include a return address may receive a letter back from their child.

For more information on Operation Christmas Child, please visit <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/OCC.asp>. You could be Santa for one child this year.

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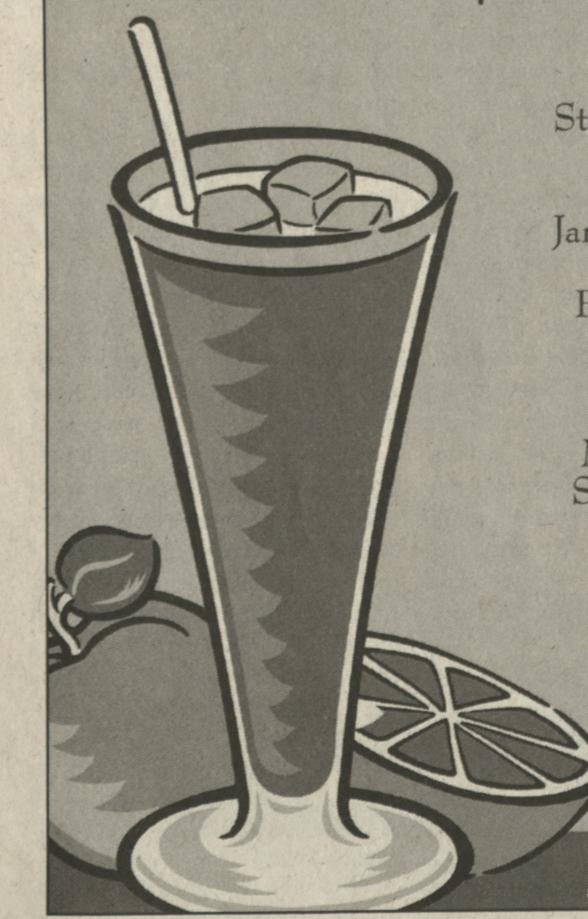
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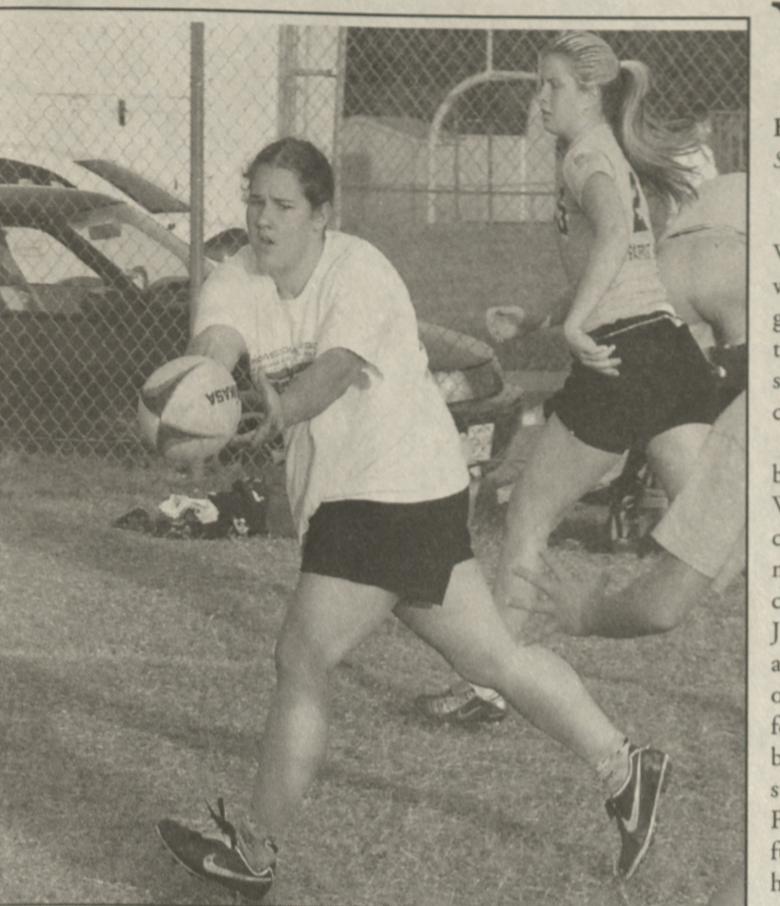
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Club Profile



By Lynsey Kanski
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University Women's Rugby team is a hard-working and fun-loving group of girls. Friends on and off the field, they train hard and play hard every season in hopes of becoming the champions of their division.

The Women's Rugby club has been active on campus since 1993. With the search for prospective coach still in progress, the ladies maintain leadership with their three captains Michele Hemlein, Alaska Jimenez and Selva Fayyad.

They also appreciate assistance from some of their male counterparts who play for the men's team. "Some of the boys come help us because we are still in the market for a coach," Fayyad explains. "We are very grateful for all the time they put in to help us out."

Women's Rugby is played under the same rules and regulations of



their male counterparts. The fact that the players are female does not change the nature of the sport. It is still a full contact, generally rough team sport. "The only difference is the gender," said Fayyad.

The Rugby team plays as a Division I club, regardless of the Division III status of the varsity teams at Salisbury. They compete in the Potomac Area Rugby Conference and scrum against teams such as the Naval Academy, Penn

State and American University. "Mondays and Wednesdays are usually our hardest practices," said Fayyad. In addition to the practices, team runs are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Not only is their devotion to the club evident in their practices and attitudes, they avidly put time into raising money for their organization. In contrast to the many clubs that suffer due to lack of funding, the women take it upon themselves to solve that problem by doing fundraisers. "Our funding comes from the school, as well as the car-washes we have," explained Fayyad.

Currently the team sits at 4-1 and are ranked second in their division. "We are very happy with the way our season is going," said Fayyad, "and we hope to do very well in the playoffs."

In order to prepare the players, new and old, for the season, the team has a fairly demanding practice schedule. Practice is held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays,

Women's Soccer wins first CAC title in six years

By Shawn Nisson
Sports Editor

The Salisbury University Women's Soccer team ended last season on a sour note, losing in the first round of the Capital Athletic Conference tournament to St. Mary's. On Saturday, junior Kate Weaver and the Gulls (10-6-1) exacted revenge on the visiting number 4 seed Seahawks. The Gulls defeated St. Mary's College 4-0, all four goals coming from Weaver, to win the conference championship for the first time since 2000. "I'm pretty excited," said Weaver. "This is what we have been working for over the past three years."

St. Mary's (12-6-2) thought they had scored the first goal of the game 13 minutes in, converting on a corner kick, but the goal was called back for goal interference, and the Gulls never looked back. Four minutes later, Kate Weaver scored her first tally of the day, rocketing a shot into the upper right corner from outside the eighteen yard box. Freshman Allyson McNamee fed Weaver the ball and she knew where to go with it. "We wanted to shoot high, late game [Marie] Oben had trouble with the high shots," Weaver said. Less than 20 seconds later, Weaver intercepted a pass and went straight to the net, scoring on a breakaway goal to put the Gulls up 2-0. "I was tired after," said

Weaver now has 20 goals for the year, leading not only the Gulls, but the entire CAC in goals scored. "We've worked really hard in practice, trying to improve our mental toughness." The Gulls came out in the second half and continued to press on offense. Weaver scored her third goal of the day in the 79th minute, depositing a well-placed cross from Christina Eury into the back of the net. The junior struck once more 88 seconds later, beating the Seahawk's keeper Oben (three saves) to a loose ball, putting the Gulls up 4-0 with just more than 10 minutes remaining in the match. The Gulls pulled back in the final minutes crowding St. Mary's offensive zone with seven and occasionally eight defenders to stifle any last gasp attempts from St. Mary's.

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"[Weaver] came in as a goal scorer, she had some difficulties in her first two years here, but this season she's



The Women's Soccer team came together on the field to celebrate after a goal during Saturday's game against St. Mary's

put away nearly every scoring opportunity she's gotten," said Nestor. Weaver entered the year having only scored three and two goals respectively in her freshman and sophomore seasons. This season, Weaver exploded out of the gate, scoring three goals in the Gulls' first two

games, and hasn't looked back.

This is the first CAC championship for Nestor, and the first conference title for the team

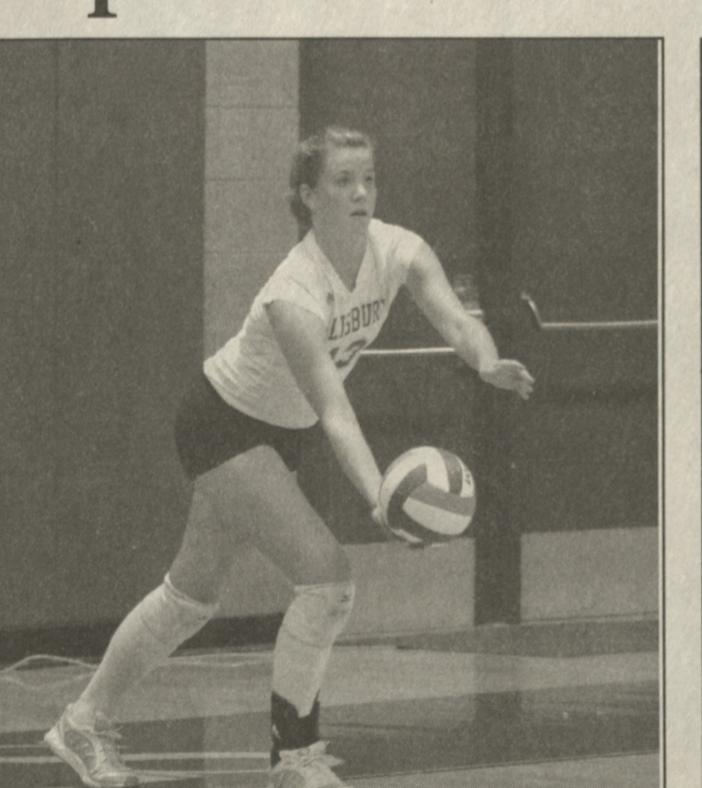
since 2000. They await the announcement of the official NCAA Division III bracket, which should come on Monday, Nov. 6.

Volleyball drops heartbreaker to Bison

By Shawn Nisson
Sports Editor

The Salisbury University Volleyball team saw its 2006 season most likely come to an end after the third seeded Gallaudet University Bison came from two games down to defeat the Gulls in the semifinal of the CAC tournament. Gallaudet's Tamijo Foronda, the CAC kills leader, ended the fifth game with two straight kills to give the victory to the Bison 26-30, 22-30, 30-20, 30-26, 16-14.

The Gulls (22-13) battled early securing the first game victory on four straight service points from Savannah Tinsley and a game ending block from Jessica Powell. The second game went back and forth with the two teams tied 10 different times before the Gulls pulled away for the win. Gallaudet (27-9) took control in the third game winning it handily 30-20. The fourth game was tight once more as the teams traded kill after kill, with the Bison eventually pulling out the 30-26 win. The Gulls led early in the fifth and final game, and even tied it late at 14-14 but Foronda was able to lead her team to victory.



Steve Whackett/The Flyer
Stacey Krebs prepares to serve the ball during the match against the Gallaudet University Bison.



Steve Whackett/The Flyer
Freshman Nicole Massarelli preps mid-air to return the ball.

SEA GULL SPORTS BEAT

FOOTBALL

Salisbury University had its Capital Athletic Conference championship run ended for the second year in a row by York College, 2-0. The number three ranked Division III York Spartans have a 36-game unbeaten streak and now hold a three-game winning streak against the Gulls. After Widener scored an early touchdown, the Gulls responded, scoring on Ronnie Curley's nine-yard pass to Jamie Garner to even the score at seven. Curley was able to hook up with Kevin Tillage on a 47-yard touchdown pass to give the Gulls a 14-7 lead going into the half. Just 1:23 into the second half, Widener's quarterback, Matt Campbell, connected with Elliott White for a 35-yard touchdown to even the score once more. With 4:06 to play in the third quarter, Brendan Kincaid split the uprights on a 44-yard field goal for the eventual game winner, 17-14. Salisbury (4-5) will go to Johnny Unitas Stadium to take on Frostburg State in the annual Regents Cup next Saturday.

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Cross Country sweeps conference championship

By Shawn Nisson
Sports Editor

For the second straight year both the Salisbury University men's and women's Cross Country teams came away victorious from the Capital Athletic Conference Championship. Salisbury's men placed four runners in the top 10 and had a fifth runner finish in 11th place to hold off rival University of Mary Washington. Buck Stokes and Will Murdoch finished a second apart to earn third and fourth respectively. Eric Graves finished right behind his captains in fifth place, and freshman Dustin Yourstone earned a

seventh place finish. "I am very proud of the tradition we have built here," said Coach Jim Jones, who was named 2006 CAC Men's Coach of the Year.

On the women's side sophomore Kelly Sullivan won the 2006 CAC Women's Runner of the Year and also won the 6,000 meter race with a time of 21:46. Her twin sister Glenna Sullivan came in second place just 11 seconds behind. Sophomore Jen Bulger came in fifth and Zuzka O'Zwolide finished in eighth place with a time of 22:50. This is the third straight CAC title for the Salisbury's women's cross country team and fourth since 1996.



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The Sullivan twins stayed together throughout the meet, which earned them first and second place.

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Field Hockey takes 12th consecutive CAC title



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Lauren Correll reaches to keep the ball out of the opponents control in Saturday's game.

By Shawn Nisson
Sports Editor

The Salisbury University Field Hockey team won their 12th consecutive Capital Athletic Conference title on Saturday beating Catholic University 3-1. The Gulls had to travel to top seeded Catholic University, after the Cardinals won the regular season match-up. "We weren't at home on our field. We had to avenge their loss from earlier in the season" said Coach Dawn Chamberlin. "The game was a lot closer than the score indicates."

Lauren Correll scored the first Gull goal for the third straight game, collecting a rebound in front of the cage and depositing it in the back of the net nine minutes into the match. It was the freshman's seventh goal in the three games of the CAC tournament. Abby Rowe scored her 13th goal of the season off a pass from Danielle Twilley doubling the Sea Gulls lead to 2-0. Jayne Dinsmore scored with under five minutes remaining in the half



Steve Whackett/The Flyer

Megan Powell blows by Catholic University defense.

to pull the Cardinals within one. The Gulls defense tightened in the second half, allowing only a single shot on goal. Catholic managed just four for the entire game while Salisbury mustered 21 attempts on the cage. Salisbury also held a distinct advantage in penalty corners, having 10 more attempts at 13-3. Danielle Twilley scored with just under ten minutes remaining to

put the Gulls up 3-1 and secure the victory.

The three-time defending NCAA Division III champions await the release of brackets for the upcoming tournament on Monday night. The first round of play is scheduled to start on Wednesday, Nov. 8.

Chamberlin wins 300th game at SU



Steve Whackett/The Flyer

FH Coach Dawn Chamberlin poses with President Janet Dudley-Eshbach to celebrate her 300th win.

By Shawn Nisson
Sports Editor

The Salisbury University Field Hockey team defeated St. Mary's College 6-2 on Wednesday to advance to the Capital Athletic Conference title game. This marked Coach Dawn Chamberlin's 300th career win. Chamberlin is only the 20th field hockey coach to reach that mark in NCAA history, and only the eighth coach to accomplish the milestone in Division III field hockey. "It is exciting. I had no clue that I was even close to it [300 wins]. It's a tribute to what this program is all about," said Chamberlin.

The Gulls (16-3) offense was propelled by Lauren Correll, who scored a hat trick for the second straight game. Correll, who now has 18 goals, scored all three tallies in a span of 140 seconds in the first half. The freshman's first goal came in the 28th minute, deflecting a shot from Danielle Twilley past Seahawk goalie Emily Richards (9 saves). Correll's second tally was another deflection, this time coming from a backhanded cross from Megan Powell to give the Gulls a two goal lead. The hat trick was completed after Correll deposited an unassisted goal into the back of the net. Salisbury was not content, however, and scored again before halftime as Tracey Lloyd took a corner from Lynette Sgrinoli and beat the Seahawk keeper to give SU a commanding 4-0 advantage. All four Salisbury goals came within a five-minute span.

Powell scored a goal of her own halfway through the second period, ratcheting up her goal total to a team-leading 26. Ashley Twigg capped off the scoring for the Gulls, depositing a pass from Twilley in the 66th minute to ice away the victory for Chamberlin and the Gulls. "We keep pushing, even though we don't capitalize all the time. We continue on and don't give up," said Correll. "I think that sets us apart."

St. Mary's (12-5) received second half goals from Katlin Anderson and Amanda Bramble, but were not able to overcome the Gull's sizeable advantages in many offensive categories. Salisbury out-shot St. Mary's 23-7 and had more penalty corners, 23-8, putting pressure on the Seahawks backstop all game long.

The day belonged to Chamberlin and her milestone accomplishment. After the game, her players showered her with gifts and praise. Former player and current assistant coach Brittany Elliott said, "She has been an awesome coach to me when I was a player. But she is more than a coach. She is a friend and a mom to me. It has been a pleasure to be on the sideline with her this season. I wish her 300 more wins!"

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